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City Of Baxter Springs

🗆 Elmo Burrows, Mayor

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 324 E. 11th St.
Kansas City, Mo. 64106

Attn: Alice Fuerst

Dear Ms. Fuerst;

As per our agreement by telephone, May 10, 1984, regarding information on Cherokee County clean-up project.

We in Baxter Springs, Kansas, at one time were famous for our beautiful clear flowing springs. At about the same time that the mining industry dewatered the ground surrounding Baxter Springs for underground mining purposes. Our springs dried up. Here some 70 years later since the mines have been abandoned and no longer keep the ground dewatered, we have an artesian spring flowing within our city limits. Ph factor tests tells us that there is an abundance of iron in the water. But for all practical purposes and positive thinking we are assuming we just have a hard water spring, but at the same time, there is a possibility that we could have a tar creek situation on our hands. The Dept. of Health & Environment have taken tests but we have not gotten the results at this time. We will get them to you as soon as we have them.

Sincerely

Elmo Burrows, Mayor

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